

HOUSE BILL No. 1242

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2-73.5; IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-38.5.

Synopsis: Hoosier veteran license plate. Creates a Hoosier veteran license plate and specifies that the plate is not a special group recognition license plate. Requires the bureau of motor vehicles to terminate the issuance of the Hoosier Veteran license plate formerly issued as a special group recognition license plate.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-196.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 196.5. "Veteran", for purposes of IC 9-18-49, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-18-49-1.**

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or lessee of a:

- (1) passenger motor vehicle;
- (2) motorcycle;
- (3) recreational vehicle; or
- (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than:
 - (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
 - (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
 - (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;

registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau

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for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

(b) A person who:

(1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

- (A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);
- (B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);
- (C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);
- (D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);
- (E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);
- (F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);
- (G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);
- (H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);
- (I) IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);
- (J) IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);
- (K) IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);
- (L) IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);
- (M) IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);
- (N) IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);
- (O) IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);
- (P) IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);
- (Q) IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);
- (R) IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);
- (S) IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);
- (T) IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);
- (U) IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);
- (V) IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);
- (W) IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);
- (X) IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);
- (Y) IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);
- (Z) IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);
- (AA) IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates);
- (BB) IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);
- or
- (CC) IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);
- or
- (DD) IC 9-18-49 (Hoosier veteran license plates);**

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed

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to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- (10) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).
- (11) **Hoosier veteran license plates (IC 9-18-49).**

SECTION 4. IC 9-18-49 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 49. Hoosier Veteran License Plates

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "veteran" means a person who has:

- (1) served in the United States armed forces or their reserves; and
- (2) received an honorable discharge from service.

Sec. 2. The bureau shall design a Hoosier veteran license plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2006.

Sec. 3. A Hoosier veteran license plate must include the following:

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
- (2) A background design or colors that designate the license plate as a Hoosier veteran license plate.
- (3) An area on the plate for display of an emblem denoting the branch of service or conflict in which the veteran served.
- (4) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 4. The bureau shall confer with members of armed forces retiree organizations concerning the design of the Hoosier veteran license plate and the emblems denoting the branch of service or conflict in which the veteran served.

Sec. 5. A Hoosier veteran license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:

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(1) A passenger motor vehicle.

(2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.

(3) A recreational vehicle.

Sec. 6. A veteran who is a resident of Indiana and is eligible to register a motor vehicle under this title may apply for and receive a Hoosier veteran license plate for one (1) or more motor vehicles upon doing the following:

(1) Completing an application for a Hoosier veteran license plate.

(2) Presenting:

(A) a United States Uniformed Services Retiree Identification Card;

(B) a DD 214 record; or

(C) United States military discharge papers; to the bureau.

(3) Paying the fee under section 7 of this chapter.

Sec. 7. The fee for a Hoosier veteran license plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-38.5.

SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-38.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 38.5. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-49 is subject to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax required of a person registering a vehicle under this title.

SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) Effective January 1, 2006, the bureau of motor vehicles shall terminate the issuance of the Hoosier Veteran license plate issued as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25.

(b) Notwithstanding IC 9-18-49-6(2), as added by this act, a person who was issued a Hoosier Veteran license plate issued as a special group recognition license plate under IC 9-18-25 in 2005 is not required to present:

(1) a United States Uniformed Services Retiree Identification Card;

(2) a DD 214 record; or

(3) United States military discharge papers; to the bureau upon applying for a Hoosier veteran license plate under IC 9-18-49-6, as added by this act.

(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2006.

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